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For the Year 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Baildon Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my third annual report which relates to the health of the Urban District of Baildon and the work of the Health Department during the year 1944.

At the request of the Ministry of Health it is again presented in abbreviated form.

Health Staff.

The Officers and Staff of the Department consist of :—

1 Acting Medical Officer (part time),

1 Sanitary Inspector (full time) who possesses the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board, Certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute Meat and Other Foods, etc.

General.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the health of the District has been very satisfactory although there has been an increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever. There have been very few cases of Diphtheria and Measles, the numbers comparing very favourably with those of the Smaller Towns.

No school closure order has been necessary during the year.

Housing.

The subject of overcrowding is getting worse from year to year and until building operations re-start there is no way of remedying this nuisance.

Water Supply.

During the year there has been a good and adequate water supply and it may be said that the filtration plant that you brought into use in 1938 is giving 100% efficiency having regard to the fact that not one complaint was made to the Health Department during the year.

Sanitation.

An examination of the Monthly Reports of your Sanitary Inspector reveals a steady rate of progress in the matter of sanitary improvements. Refuse is disposed of on the controlled method of tipping, whilst sewage goes to the Esholt works of the Bradford Corporation.

Sanitary Accommodation.

There are three areas within the District where no sewer is available so that the number of Pail Closets and Privy Middens will remain practically stationary until the districts concerned are sewered.

Cow Sheds.

The cowsheds are inspected regularly and the standard of cleanliness is very high although some of the cowsheds are of poor design.

Factories and Workshops.

These have been inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Food Supply.

The careful inspection of meat, milk and other foods by your Sanitary Inspector is sufficient assurance that the production and storage of food is on a high peak of efficiency.

Bakehouses.

These have been inspected several times during the year and I am quite satisfied that they are maintained in a good and cleanly condition (except one which is always on the border line of being dirty).

Statistical Information.

I append tables giving the essential statistics in relation to births, deaths and to diseases. In the Appendix to this report your Sanitary Inspector supplies statistical information appropriate to his section, together with a report.

Conclusion.

There has been a marked increase in the birth rate and the still birth rate compares very favourably with that of England and Wales. The death rate is rather higher this year but we have again a remarkably low infantile death rate.

I have the Honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

MARGARET M. U. RHODES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Town Hall, Baildon.
June, 1945.

STATISTICS.

Registrar General's Estimate of Population, 9,441.

BIRTHS.

(a) **Live Births.**

	Males	Females	Total
Within the area	39	51	90
Without the area	37	37	74

(b) **Still Births.**

	Males	Females	Total
Within the area	1	—	1
Without the area	2	—	2

Grand Total 167
(Including Illegitimate, 9)

Birth Rate.

	Live	Still
England and Wales	17.6	0.50
Baildon	17.37	0.30

DEATHS.

	Males	Females	Total
Within the area	44	37	81
Without the area	20	30	50
Grand Total			131

Death Rate.

England and Wales	11.6
Baildon	13.87

Infantile Deaths.

(Infants under one year) 2 (M.1., F.1.)

Infantile Death Rate (per 1,000 Births).

England and Wales	61
Baildon	12

AGES AT DEATH.

	Years	No.	Years	No.	Years	No.	Years	No.
Under	1	2	44	1	64	3	81	7
	1	1	45	3	65	3	82	3
	4	1	46	1	66	3	83	2
	17	1	47	3	67	4	84	2
	19	1	49	1	68	5	87	1
	25	1	50	1	69	4	89	1
	27	1	52	2	70	7	90	1
	28	1	54	2	71	1		
	30	1	55	2	72	4		
	32	2	57	1	73	3		
	33	1	58	2	74	6		
	35	2	59	3	75	5		
	37	1	60	2	76	4		
	39	1	61	3	77	4		
	40	2	62	3	79	4		
	43	1	63	3	80	1	Total ...	131

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1944.

All Ages.

		Males	Females	Total
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—
2.	Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	—	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	3	—	3
7.	Tuberculosis Other Forms	1	3	4
8.	Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—
9.	Influenza	—	—	—
10.	Measles	—	—	—
11.	Acute Polio-Myelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	—	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	—	—	—
13.	Cancer	12	12	24
14.	Diabetes	—	2	2
15.	Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	4	10	14
16.	Heart Disease	23	15	38
17.	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	3	4
18.	Bronchitis	4	—	4
19.	Pneumonia	5	2	7
20.	Other Respiratory Diseases	—	2	2
21.	Ulcer of the Stomach and Duodenum	—	—	—

Causes of Death, continued.	Males	Females	Total
22. Diarrhœa under 2 years	—	—	—
23. Appendicitis	—	—	—
24. Other Digestive Diseases	2	3	5
25. Nephritis	1	1	2
26. Puerperal and Post-abort Sepsis	—	—	—
27. Other Maternal Causes	—	—	—
28. Premature Birth	—	—	—
29. Conjenital Malformation with Injuries	1	1	2
30. Suicide	1	2	3
31. Road Traffic Accidents	1	—	1
32. Other Violent Causes	2	5	7
33. All Other Causes	3	6	9
	64	67	131

INFECTIOUS DISEASES
and other cases removed to Hospital.

Total Number of Notifications during the year.

	No. of Notifications	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Enteric Fever	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	30	29	—
Whooping Cough	15	—	—
Diphtheria	5	5	—
Small Pox	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—
Measles	12	—	—
Pneumonia	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—
	63	35	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

Total number of Notifications during the year	4 (M.1., F.3)
Admitted to Sanatorium	2 (F.2)
Discharged from Sanatorium	2 (M.1., F.1)
Deaths	2 (M.2)

AGES.

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
30	—	1	1
32	—	1	1
33	—	1	1
55	1	—	1
	1	3	4

ANNUAL REPORT of the SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the

Year ended 31st December, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Baildon Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you herewith a report to serve as an Appendix to the Report of the Acting Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1944, and to submit the usual statistics.

General Sanitary Statistics.

Total number of inspections made for nuisances	121
Nuisances abated	93
Informal notices served for nuisances	82
Statutory notices served for nuisances	2
Cowsheds inspected	72
Dairies inspected	14
Factories and workshops inspected	23
Shops inspected	47
Bakehouses inspected	33
Smoke observations taken	0
Samples of milk taken for bacteriological, biological and biochemical examination	20
Drains inspected	51
Drains tested	44
Drains approved	42
Infected premises disinfected	35
Verminous houses disinfested	11

Sanitary Improvements Effected.

Drains reconstructed	5
Defective drains repaired	12
Blocked drains liberated and cleansed	21
Additional water closets provided for existing property	6
Conversion of privies to water closets	1
Conversion of waste water closets to fresh water closets	0
Drains provided with vent shaft	5
Drains connected with sewer	3
Ashpits abolished	0
Additional dustbins provided for existing property	32
New gullies provided	6

Sanitary Accommodation.

Water closets	2743
Waste water closets	6
Privy middens	17
Pail closets	31
Portable dustbins	3246

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

(1).	(a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	59
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	101

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notice.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	41

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

Proceeding under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice.	
(a) By Owners	1
(b) By Local Authority	1

4. Overcrowding.

(a)	(1) Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	138
	(2) Number of families dwelling therein	187
	(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	711
(b)	(1) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	43
	(2) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	—
	(3) Number of persons concerned in such cases	—

The great increase in overcrowding during the last six years has been mainly due to the cessation of building operations and the increased number of marriages.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The number of water closets in the District is 2,743, the number of privies 17, and pail closets 31.

The whole of the insanitary conveniences are situated where no sewer is available so that these figures will remain practically stationary until the districts concerned, namely, Prod Lane, Moorside and Low Hill, are sewered.

REFUSE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL.

The work of refuse collection is at present being carried out by two side loading refuse motor waggons each of a capacity of 7 cubic yards.

The number of dustbins cleared from house property is 3,246, whilst there are 55 ash places.

Refuse is disposed of on the 'Call' system of controlled tipping. The tip in use at the present time being at Temple Rhydding.

The work of refuse collection has been hampered by a shortage of labour, but notwithstanding this, a regular 10 day collection has been maintained throughout the year, whilst the ash places are cleansed once each five weeks.

Summary of Refuse Removal and Disposal.

Temple Rhydding Tip	Total Motor Loads	913	
	Estimated Weight....	1,428	tons

SALVAGE OF WASTE.

It is to be regretted that the salvage collection made during the year did not reach the same high level as in the previous year and as a result Baildon dropped one place in the Urban District's Table. At the same time, however, it can justly be proud of its achievements in this direction.

The total collection for the twelve months realised over 290 tons, the total value of which was £1,139.

A table of results of all manner of salvage dealt with is given below.

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
Paper	101	10	0	678	0	0
Black Scrap	5	10	0	17	0	0
Loose Tins	43	17	0	51	0	0
Non-ferrous Metals ..	0	9	0	17	0	0
Textiles	9	19	0	155	0	0
Bottles and Jars	8	10	0	60	0	0
Cullet	9	0	0	7	0	0
Rubber	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kitchen Waste ...	112	6	0	142	0	0
Miscellaneous	2	18	0	12	0	0
	293	19	0	£1139	0	0

FOOD INSPECTION.

A systematic inspection of meat and other foods was carried out, and throughout the year 330 tins of various articles of food of an estimated weight of 450 lbs. were found unfit for human consumption and destroyed.

It is gratifying to be able to report that following the regular inspection of premises whereat food was stored and deposited for sale not in a single instance was it necessary to call attention to unsatisfactory conditions concerning the proper storing of foodstuffs.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are in the District 10 bakehouses including one underground. These premises are inspected regularly (29 inspections) and apart from the fact that limewashing of walls was somewhat neglected very few causes of complaint were discovered. It may be therefore accepted that the business of baking is carried out under satisfactory conditions.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

All factories in the District have been regularly inspected and generally found to be satisfactory. In one case where the closet accommodation was found to be unsatisfactory an Informal Notice was served which resulted in the complaint being remedied.

Several large factories exist in the Urban District and these are mostly textile, and employ approximately 3,000 people.

MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milksheds.

Resident within the Council's area, there were at the end of the year :—

Cowkeepers only	2
Cowkeepers and Purveyors of milk	10
Purveyors of milk only	19
Number of cowsheds in the District	19
Total number of milk sellers registered	28
Total number of cowsheds ...	19
Total number of inspections	47

There is one Attested Herd in your District whilst three other farms hold Accredited Licences. There are approximately 360 milch cows in the District, an increase of about 30 on last year's census.

During the year under review milk samples have been taken for bacteriological examination and in only two cases were there unfavourable results, and in these cases considerable improvement resulted particularly in the cleanliness of the milk, following representation by me.

Whilst the clipping of the flanks, udders and buttocks of dairy cows is becoming more common, I cannot say that the practice has as yet been generally adopted, but where it has been brought into operation the cows do not appear to have suffered any ill results. As an aid to cleanliness the practice is to be recommended.

Cleanliness amongst milk distributors is of a fairly high standard and only on very rare occasions does it happen that a complaint in this respect is made.

The unhygienic practice of leaving crates of bottles containing milk at street corners has as a result of representations and action taken by me, ceased.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT 1919.

Infestation Order, 1943.

41 inspections and re-inspections were made in relation to rat infestation, and advice given in each case.

In closing this report I would tender my thanks to all members of the Council, and especially the Chairman of the Health Committee (Councillor C. Dewhirst) for the support they have given me throughout the year.

I would also tender my thanks to the Clerk of the Council (Mr. R. Howard Moore) and to Dr. M. M. U. Rhodes, the Acting Medical Officer of Health, for the advice and support they have given at all times and the staff in general for assisting me in carrying out the work of the Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. HORSFALL,

Sanitary Inspector.